

# INFO

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This aids pastoral care and communication. Thanks!

I/We are:

1st  2nd  3rd time Guests  Regular attenders

I/We heard about Word of Life

from: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like:

the pastor to call me  
 to request personal, spiritual care  
 to be baptized  
 to receive foundational teaching

Adult Name(s) Please Print

Youth/Children (grade)

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City, ST Zip

Email

Can We Text You?  
Yes  No

Phone

Additional Info

**Building a bigger heaven  
and better lives!**

January 25, 2026

## We Thank You Lord...

- that Your light has come to us in Christ - not because we were ready, but because You are faithful.
- for the joy of family, natural and surrogate
- for employment in answer to our prayers for [Mick Molina](#)
- for a safe labor and delivery for the Bristow family ([Doublestein](#))
- for the blessings and resources You have entrusted to our care and Your promise to multiply our offerings to build a bigger heaven and better lives.

## We Ask You Lord...

- to turn us from trusting ourselves to trusting You, and keep us near Your Word, Your table, and Your mercy.
- for renewed love and hope for our neighbors, so we are better conduits of Your love in this world
- to bless Dr. Darren Williams and the Evangelists of our Texas District's Area D as they train to expand the Gospel's proclamation and reach here in Texas and beyond
- to bless all leaders with godly wisdom and move them to lead according to Your will
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- to restore broken marriages, engage disengaged parents, reconcile estranged family members, heal and strengthen families, add to our families by giving us love and mercy
- to grant healing and recovery to those battling anxiety and addictions and to give love, peace, and patience to family and friends who support them
- to bless [Jerry Johnson](#)'s preparation for and performance in his upcoming LCMS Specialized Care Chaplaincy endorsement interview
- to bless Kaleb and Emily ([Hatfield](#)) in their wedding preparations and early days of marriage

- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family ([Flowers](#))
- for provision, guidance, and healing for the [Funke](#) family
- for blessing and guidance regarding life changes, including employment and relationships for [Dennis Hatfield](#), [Mickey Molina](#), [Jayme Edwards](#), [Audry-Anna Edwards](#), and [Bethany Torres](#)
- for safety, health, and growth for baby Orlin ([Molina](#))
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for the [Stover](#) family
- to grant peace and comfort to Marjorie Schroeder ([Mitschke](#)) in her last earthly days and grant strength and rest to her family and caregivers
- to comfort the family and friends of Dilva Galan ([Stafford](#)), Mikey ([Stark](#)), Rusty Smariga, and Roy Kasper ([Mitschke](#)) as they mourn their deaths
- to heal and comfort [Kathy Raymond](#), [Margie Dominguez](#), [Thomas & Denise Bruce](#), [Joyce Givens](#), [Al Fennigkoh](#), [Baby Koen Slates](#), [Monte Easley \(Beveridge\)](#), [Joshua Tolin \(Bruce\)](#), [Clarice Craigmile \(Craigmile\)](#), [Cheryl Smith](#), [Mary Lu](#), [Robert Ferry \(Dominguez\)](#), [Debbie Arriaga](#), [Alma Rosa Timmons](#), [Bubba & Donna Ahrens \(Flowers\)](#), [Alejo Garcia \(Garcia-Treviño\)](#), [Tracy Parks \(Hatfield\)](#), [Roger Fields](#), [Robbie Smith](#), [Sandy Doering](#), [Iris Trahan \(Mitschke\)](#), [Lewis Starkey](#), [Ruby Brunelle](#), [Marianne Powell](#), [Carson \(Nightingale\)](#), [Mark McQuaid \(Paxton\)](#), [Phil \(Peterson\)](#), [Miriam Prieto \(Prieto\)](#), [Sef Alvarado \(Stark\)](#), [Bud](#), [Riley \(Stemmermann\)](#), [Diana Paddison](#), [Andy](#), [Beth Lukasiewicz](#), [Nicole Garcia](#), [Mandee](#), [Nicky Lahren](#), [Beth Roberts \(Stevens\)](#), [Robert Maggiano](#), [Naomi Reese \(Valentine\)](#), [Terry Walker \(Wagner\)](#)

- to heal those battling cancer: [Rick Wimberley](#), [Lyndal Cadel](#), [Guy Morgan \(Craigmile\)](#), [Wesley](#), [Pedro](#), [Betty Ruff \(Dominguez\)](#), [Rodney Edwards](#), [Margaret Swartz \(Edwards\)](#), [Gladys \(Garcia-Treviño\)](#), [R.D. Latimer \(Latimer\)](#), [Connie Barz](#), [Cathy Brigham](#), [Laurine Watson](#), [Kathy Jennings \(Mitschke\)](#), [Maria Molina \(Molina\)](#), [Becky Plumley \(Nichols\)](#), [Meredith Powell \(Nightingale\)](#), [Eddy & Chad Holloway \(Paxton\)](#), [Chuck Warner \(Pointer\)](#), [Kenton Stafford](#), [Leena Prindle](#)
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to connect people to Jesus and His Kingdom

January 25, 2026

# Word of Life Fellowship

Worship • 9:00a & 11:15a

K-5th Sunday School • 9:00a

Youth and Adult Bible Class • 10:15a

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## Light Without Argument

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

- Most of us don't think of ourselves as living in \_\_\_\_\_.
- And yet Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great \_\_\_\_\_."
- Which means two things can be true at the same time: God's light has actually come, and we are still very \_\_\_\_\_ at learning how to live without it.
- Biblically speaking, darkness is not a lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Darkness isn't about being irreligious; it's about being \_\_\_\_\_.
- Matthew is saying: this is where the \_\_\_\_\_ goes first.
- Jesus doesn't arrive with a \_\_\_\_\_ memo.

- “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at \_\_\_\_\_.”
- The kingdom is at hand - close enough to \_\_\_\_\_ over.
- Jesus doesn’t call people once they understand him; He calls them \_\_\_\_\_.
- No explanation of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Just presence. Just authority. Just \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Gospel does not succeed because it sounds \_\_\_\_\_.
- Faith is not created by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Faith is created by \_\_\_\_\_.
- It’s not the Gospel that is fragile; it’s our \_\_\_\_\_.
- The cross doesn’t win arguments; it undoes the \_\_\_\_\_ arguments rely on.
- The Gospel won’t \_\_\_\_\_ with that.
- Discipleship is not self-improvement; it’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- You stop organizing your life around your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identity before \_\_\_\_\_.
- Grace before \_\_\_\_\_.
- When light comes first, obedience becomes \_\_\_\_\_, not desperation.

- The church is not called to out-\_\_\_\_\_ the world.
- We do not need louder voices; we need clearer \_\_\_\_\_.
- You do not need to have everything figured out to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
- You need proximity. You need \_\_\_\_\_.
- The light has come. Not to argue with you. But to \_\_\_\_\_ you.

#### Scripture Readings:

- Isaiah 9:1-4
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- Matthew 4:12-25

#### Family Discussion

- Where do you most notice the temptation to rely on confidence instead of trust?
- What are some “nets” (security, habits, expectations) that shape how your week is organized?
- How does knowing that Jesus calls before understanding change the way you think about faith?
- Where has Christ promised to be present for you right now - and how can your family lean into that together this week?
- Prayer: Lord, give us a spirit of humility and use us how You will.

**Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:**  
 Confidential (for pastors only)  
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Have you or a friend been wanting to take a deep look at what the Bible says about faith, certainty, eternity, Jesus, and other important topics and events?

Do you have a schedule that keeps you from attending Bible studies or groups?

Pastor Phil is offering an individually-scheduled theology course - don’t worry, it’s super accessible for anyone - for adults via Zoom, in person, or a hybrid.

If you missed youth confirmation, or have never received any instruction as an adult, this is a great opportunity that we encourage you to consider.

Yes, contact me at the number on the reverse form.